

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on January 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Organizational meeting

Committee Introductions:

00:00:44 Chair Fielder
 00:01:21 Sen. Hinkle
 00:01:54 Sen. Hinebaugh
 00:02:36 Sen. Howard
 00:02:59 Sen. McClafferty
 00:03:25 Sen. Facey
 00:04:02 Sen. Vincent
 00:04:49 Sen. Cohenour
 00:05:48 Sen. Smith
 00:06:32 Sen. Welborn
 00:07:34 Chair Fielder
 00:09:00 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(fis02a01)

00:10:37 Pat Christian, committee secretary
 00:10:46 Dave McCann, committee aide

Rules of Procedure:

00:11:15 Chair Fielder

EXHIBIT(fis02a02)

EXHIBIT(fis02a03)

00:14:30 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved to accept the draft rules as presented.

00:14:55 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Vincent made a substitute motion to amend the draft rules.

Discussion:

00:15:49 Chair Fielder
 00:15:57 Mr. Kolman, LSD
 00:16:03 Sen. Vincent
 00:16:17 Chair Fielder
 Sen. Cohenour

00:16:35 **Vote:** The substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Overview of Interim Activity Related to Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Issues:

00:17:16 Mr. Kolman
 00:23:14 Sen. Phillips
 00:23:39 Chair Fielder
 00:23:56 Mr. Kolman
 00:24:19 Chair Fielder
 00:24:24 Sen. Vincent
 00:25:47 Chair Fielder
 00:28:14 Sen. Cohenour

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks:

00:29:12 Chair Fielder
00:29:18 Mike Volesky, chief of operations, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:33:51 John Tubbs, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:36:20 Chair Fielder
00:36:23 Randy Arnold, regional supervisor, Region 2, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis02a04)

00:50:19 Chair Fielder
00:50:31 Sen. Hinkle
00:50:53 Mr. Arnold, FWP
00:52:20 Sen. Hinkle
00:52:49 Mr. Arnold
00:53:01 Sen. Hinkle
00:53:09 Mr. Arnold
00:54:04 Sen. Vincent
00:54:38 Mr. Arnold
00:55:08 Sen. Vincent
00:55:45 Mr. Arnold
00:56:30 Sen. Facey
00:57:15 Mr. Arnold
00:58:29 Sen. Facey
00:59:10 Mr. Arnold
01:00:28 Chair Fielder
01:00:48 Mr. Tubbs, DNRC
01:01:50 Melissa Baker, chief of operations, FWP
01:02:06 Paul Sihler, chief of staff, FWP
01:02:21 Ken McDonald, administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP
01:02:55 Eileen Ryce, administrator, Fisheries Division, FWP
01:03:21 Becky Dockter, chief legal counsel, FWP
01:03:44 Hank Worsech, chief, Licensing Bureau and Legislative Liaison, FWP
01:04:00 Chair Fielder
01:04:06 Tom Riley, assistant administrator, Montana State Parks, FWP
01:04:31 Ron Jendro, assistant chief of Enforcement, FWP
01:04:45 Dustin Temple, chief of Administration, FWP
01:05:04 Mr. Volesky, FWP
01:05:49 Chair Fielder
01:06:01 Mr. Volesky
01:06:57 Chair Fielder
01:08:02 Sen. Cohenour

Public Comment:

01:09:04 Patrick Tabor, president, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
01:10:01 Chair Fielder
01:10:16 Mr. Tabor
01:10:27 Sen. Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:11 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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